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I do not believe Microsoft has been properly chastened for their monopolistic tendencies. All over the web, there are copies of actual MS memos debasing Linux and other operating systems as inferior. They tout their products as 'the best', yet the very same software is fraught with security issues that have lead to the loss of billions of dollars through destructive worms and viruses. There is a joke in the tech community about the famous BSOD - the Blue Screen of Death. This has frustrated millions of users ever since Windows 95 was released. Microsoft makes itself the only option available to new computer users whenever they purchase computers from every single major computer manufacturer in the world. If the correlation between such wide usage and security issues were the only issues, that in itself should be sufficient for further investigation. Why do they insist on coercing everyone to use things that are widely known to be inherently unstable, while excluding external solutions from other software manufacturers? We wouldn't have all these problems if people simply had more of a choice, an alternative to the bloated, unstable, and unsecure operating system which is forced on them when they turn on their brand new computers. These are all valid concerns, but they are the only the tip of the iceberg.

Sincerely,
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